

At the regular meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 3:00 PM in the Giles County Administration Building located at 315 N. Main Street, Pearisburg, the following members were present unless noted absent.

Jeff Morris	Chair (Central District)
John C. Lawson, Jr.	Vice-Chair (Western District)
Perry Martin	Eastern District
Richard McCoy	At-Large Supervisor
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor - Absent
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
John Ross	Building Official
Catherine Ballard	Finance Director
Richard Chidester	County Attorney
Missy Bray	Board Secretary

### **CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION**

Mr. Morris called the meeting to order, and Mr. McKlarney offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **VDOT REPORT**

Mr. David Clarke updated members on maintenance within the county including brush cutting on Mountain Lake, ditching on Route 100, paving on Cascade Drive, shoulder work on Route 460 and patching done on Big Stony Creek, Sinking Creek, and Route 219. He related new allocations will be received in July.

Mr. McCoy inquired if he had looked at the hole on Route 605. Mr. Clarke advised he did not have a schedule on it yet. Mr. McCoy reported a culvert on Route 605 at School House Lane has washed out. Mr. Lawson express appreciation for the clearing of another big tree that fell across Route 61 and inquired about the paving schedule for Fetcher's Mountain Road. Mr. Clarke indicated he would email the schedule. Mr. Martin reported ditching issues on Hollow Road and Hendrickson Lane, as well as trees and stumps sticking out into the road along Clover Hollow and brush on Zales Mill. Mr. Morris related there are a lot of potholes on Route 663, and there are several still on the list that need to be looked at. Mr. McKlarney reported potholes along the exit and on ramps of Route 460 in Pearisburg.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **AEP TIE LINE UPDATE**

Ms. Amanda Cox with AEP updated members on the status of the tie line project. She indicated she attends biweekly meetings on the project and right of way clearing is complete. Ms. Cox related there is now a full-time crew on the project, who are also doing some pole replacement and are dedicated to restoration. She advised the project

is around 20 percent complete and hopes the project will be finished by the end of the year. Mr. Morris inquired about recent short outages in the Town of Pearisburg. Ms. Cox stated she was not aware of them but would check into what is happening. Mr. McKlarney expressed appreciation for AEP and noted a donation of a drone for emergency services.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Ross reported he had two recommendations from the Planning Commission, but those were made based upon an incorrect interpretation. He requested members table the item.

***Mr. McCoy made a motion to table the Planning Commission recommendations. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker***

## **HOTEL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Mr. McKlarney related he had emailed a copy of the hotel feasibility study to members and asked that they look through it. He indicated they would find it interesting and stated the county has pushed for a hotel for a long time.

## **SCHOOL BOARD**

Mr. McKlarney reported he had met with the board and school board group earlier, and the school board is getting ready for its closeout. Members discussed school budget carryover. Mr. McKlarney had advised the school board they could handle the \$150,000 for increases this coming fiscal year and related they are looking for concurrence from the Board to send out contracts for the coming year.

***Mr. Lawson made a motion to concur with sending out school contracts for the upcoming school year. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker***

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **VIRGINIA LOW INCOME WATER PROGRAM**

Mr. Chidester provided information on the Virginia Low Income Water Assistance Program, for which he had submitted an application on behalf of the county. He advised this program could help some eligible individuals with up to \$2,500 for overdue utility payments, if qualified, and outlined some of the stipulations on the county side. Mr. McCoy inquired if the county could get a copy of the program data to try to make sure the accounts do not get back up to owing a large amount again. Mr. McKlarney indicated some of the large balances are due to water leaks and some from back when cut offs could not be done during COVID.

## **PAYMENT OF WARRANTS**

***Mr. McCoy motioned to approve warrants in the amount of \$1,060,738.88, and Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker***

## **FY 2023 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT**

***Mr. McCoy motioned to approve a FY 2023 budget supplement in the amount of \$640,576.02, and Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker***

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***Mr. McCoy motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (7) Legal Counsel and (29) Contracts. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 by rollcall vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker***

***Mr. McCoy motioned to return to open session and he certified that in the closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and (2) lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information act cited in that motion. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 by rollcall vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker***

## **OPIOID ABATEMENT GRANT**

Mr. McKlarney reported the opioid abatement staff is going to recommend full funding of the grant application. He noted there was housing built into the grant.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

**APPROVED:**

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**Chair****ATTEST:**

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**Clerk**

June 7, 2023

**BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS  
JUNE 7, 2023 BOARD MEETING**

<b>SUPPLEMENTS</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>OFF-SETTING REVENUE</b>
	100-22100-6001	\$47,074.69	YES - Vacancy savings transferred from the Comp Board to supplies
	100-91200-	\$80,998.10	YES, Fuel Reimbursements GPCS, Pearisburg, Narrows
	100-21600-6035	\$41,503.50	YES, Reimb by the Comp Board
	100-81700-	\$87,973.78	YES, CDBG Small Business Grant Admin Fees
	100-81700-	\$20,000.00	YES, Drive Outdoor Grant
	10081210-5682	\$287,689.00	YES, Business Continuity Team Grant
	100-32300-3430	\$65,000.00	No- Ambulance Transport Contract
	100-13100-1400	\$10,336.95	No-TrainingOvertime /Sick leave payout
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$640,576.02</b>